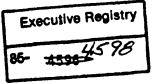
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October 31, 1985

Executive Secretary
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1820 N. Fort Meyer Drive
Ames Building
Roslyn, VA

Dear Mr. Beck:

As we discussed earlier, I am pleased to enclose information on Vanguard's new Guaranteed Contract Trust IX.

After reviewing this material, please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or need for more detail.

Best regards,

L. Patrick Gardner

Vanguard Marketing Corporation

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Enclosure



VANGUARD GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CONTRACT TRUST IX



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THE TRUST

Vanguard GIC Trust IX (the "Trust"), is a tax-exempt collective trust invested exclusively in a guaranteed investment contract issued to Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company by John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. The issuer is rated excellent (A+) by A. M. Best Company, the recognized authority for insurance company analysis. Principal of investments by the Trust, and the interest thereon, are guaranteed by John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company does not guarantee either principal or interest on such investments.

GUARANTEE OF INTEREST

John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company guarantees that all investments made by the Trust share in the effective annual rate of 9.58% established on October 1, 1985.

GUARANTEE OF PRINCIPAL

John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company guarantees the principal of all investments by the Trust. As a result, each share will have a constant value of \$1.00.

PLAN ELIGIBILITY

Qualified, participant-directed defined contribution plans and, with Vanguard's prior approval, pension plans may select the Trust as an investment option. A Plan's final acceptance into Vanguard GIC Trust IX is contingent upon acceptance by an officer of Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company.

- HOW TO APPLY
  - Plans with 500 or fewer participants must return the Authorization Form to Vanguard no later than December 31. 1985.
  - Plans with 500 to 1,500 participants must return the Authorization Form to Vanguard no later than November 15, 1985.
  - Plans with more than 1,500 participants and/or \$5,000,000 in existing, transferable plan assets may participate in the Trust only with the prior approval of the insurance carrier and Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company.
  - All Plans which have completed the Authorization Form must commence cash flow into the Trust by March 31, 1986.
- INTEREST CALCULATION
  - All contributions received by the Trust between January 1, 1986, and December 31, 1986, will be credited an effective annual interest rate of 9.58% through December 31, 1988. Interest, which accrues daily and compounds monthly, is paid in additional shares. Plan contributions invested in the Trust will share in its guaranteed earnings. To illustrate, a contribution of \$1,000.00 on January 1, 1986 would purchase 1,000 shares. At expiration on December 31, 1988, the initial investment would be worth \$1,315.82. The interest earned will vary with the number of shares purchased and the length of time for which they are held.
- EXPIRATION

When the Trust expires on December 31, 1988, all principal and accrued interest will be available for reinvestment.

PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Future Plan contributions may be allocated to the Trust as often as permitted by the Plan.



# TRANSFERS INTO THE GIC

In addition to accepting Plan contributions from January 1, 1986, through December 31, 1986, new clients may transfer existing Plan assets into Vanguard GIC Trust IX only during the Plan's first participation month. After April 30, 1986, transfers will be accepted only with the prior approval of the insurance carrier and Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company. Individual participant Rollover Contributions into Vanguard GIC Trust IX are subject to the approval of the insurance carrier and Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company.

### EXCHANGES INTO THE GIC

A new Vanguard GIC Trust is offered to your Plan every twelve months. Plan participants may exchange existing assets into the Vanguard GIC Trust only during the first month of the Trust each year.

# EXCHANGES OUT OF THE GIC TRUST

If the Plan permits four, or fewer, investment exchanges per year, Trust shares may be exchanged at full accumulated value for shares of an equity option. At no time may Trust shares be exchanged for shares of another fixed income option. Assets exchanged out of the Trust must remain in the equity option a minimum of three months before the completion of another exchange transaction.

## MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

Contributions which result from the addition of participants due to a company merger, acquisition or any other event which would result in a significant increase in participants covered by the Plan, after the Plan's acceptance into the Trust, must be approved by the insurance carrier and Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company.

#### WITHDRAWALS

Book Value Withdrawals — Trust shares may be redeemed at their full accumulated value, or "book value," only in the following instances: withdrawals of after-tax monies and plan loans, authorized distributions for retirement, death, disability, separation from service, and financial hardship.

For partial withdrawals in which the Trust is one of several fixed income options, that portion which may be redeemed at full accumulated value is calculated as follows:

Employee's Total GIC Trust(s) Assets % Available for Book **Employee's Total Fixed Income Assets** Value Withdrawal

Should more than one Vanguard GIC Trust be involved. pro rata withdrawals will be made from each, calculated as follows for each trust:

**Employee's GIC Trust IX Assets** % Available for Book Value Withdrawal Employee's Total GIC Trust Asse

#### ADMINISTRATION

As Trustee, Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company must assure that the Trust operates according to the contract with John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. Therefore, transfers to equity options or withdrawals will be processed as follows:

- Requests received by the third business day prior to month's end will be processed on the last business day of that month.
- Requests received after that deadline will be processed on the last business day of the following month.
- Requests from Master Accounts must be accompanied by the enclosed Master Account Withdrawal Form.
- In exceptional cases, a telephone request will be accepted from an authorized Plan representative if it can be confirmed in writing within five business days.